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The Grand Lodge of Alberta

A. F. & A. M.



Fiftieth Anniversary



1905 - 1955

October 14, 1955

EDMONTON — ALBERTA

Special Communication

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Edmonton, Alberta

October 14th, 1955

Grand Lodge Opened

by the M.W. The Grand Master
at 2:15 p.m.

Reception of the Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions

Introduced by M.W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, P.G.M.,

Reception of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, The Hon. J. J. Bowlen

Introduced by M.W. Bro. W. M. Connacher, Senior P.G.M.,

Reception of The Honourable the Premier, The Hon. E. C. Manning

Introduced by M.W. Bro. W. J. Borell, P.G.M.

Reception of His Worship the Mayor of the City of Edmonton,

Bro. Wm. Hawerlak

Introduced by M.W. Bro. M. M. Downey, P.G.M.

Flag Ceremony

Bro. Cpt. W. J. Huget, R.C.M.P.

Bro. S. E. Baker, Canadian Legion, B.E.S.L.

Presentation and Dedication of Pedestal Drapes

The Gift of the Eighteen Lodges who originally formed Grand Lodge

Thanksgiving Service

Under the Direction of the R.W. Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Canon W. H. Morgan

(see Special Sheets)

MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND MASTER

Address

M.W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, Q.C., P.G.M.

CLOSING OF GRAND LODGE

Banquet Programme

PRESIDING

M.W. Bro. S. CARL HECKBERT, Grand Master

O CANADA

GRACE

M.W. Bro. Archdeacon S. H. Middleton, P.G.M.

TOAST

Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second

Dinner

Dinner music provided by Mr. David Pelling

Presentation of Guests, Past Grand Masters and Fifty (or more) Year Members

ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Egon Grapestin, Violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Mary Drummond Grapestin
Mr. William Smith, Tenor, accompanied by Bro. P. J. Delicate, V.W. Grand Organist

INTRODUCTION OF THE GUEST SPEAKER

M.W. Bro. H. E. Howard, P.G.M., Chairman of Fiftieth Anniversary Committee

Guest Speaker

M.W. BROTHER WILLIAM DOUGLAS, P.G.M., Manitoba

APPRECIATION

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M.

TOAST

Our Visitors

Proposed M.W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman, P.G.M.

RESPONSE

R.W. Bro. Ralph M. Lehr, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
M.W. Bro. J. H. N. Morgan, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of British Columbia
M. W. Bro. the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, P.G.M., Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia

TOAST

The Grand Lodge of Alberta

Proposed by M.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of
Saskatchewan

RESPONSE

The M.W. The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Grand Lodge Officers, 1905



G. MACDONALD

1905 *

Grand Secretary

1907 - 1917

Grand Master.....	M.W. Bro. Dr. George Macdonald (1)
Deputy Grand Master.....	R.W. Bro. H. C. Taylor (7)
Grand Senior Warden.....	R.W. Bro. T. F. English (11)
Grand Junior Warden.....	R.W. Bro. O. W. Kealy (2)
District Deputy Grand Master Dist. 1.....	R.W. Bro. I. T. Macdonald (8)
District Deputy Grand Master Dist. 2.....	R.W. Bro. Dr. C. E. Smythe (2)
District Deputy Grand Master Dist. 3.....	R.W. Bro. A. R. Dickson (15)
Grand Treasurer.....	R.W. Bro. E. N. Brown (1)
Grand Secretary.....	R.W. Bro. J. J. Dunlop (14)
Grand Registrar.....	R.W. Bro. Rev. J. Hinchcliffe (12)
Grand Chaplain.....	R.W. Bro. Rev. J. S. Chivers (4)
Grand Senior Deacon.....	R.W. Bro. M. I. Macleod (10)
Grand Junior Deacon.....	R.W. Bro. B. Patterson (3)
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	V.W. Bro. C. H. Stuart-Wade (14)
Grand Organist.....	V.W. Bro. G. Murdoch (1)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. H. W. Evans (5)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. S. J. Currie (8)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. F. G. Bennett (13)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. A. M. Kay (16)
Grand Pursuivant.....	R.W. Bro. Rev. G. H. Hogbin (1)
Grand Tyler.....	Bro. J. Finch (9)

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M.

Grand Lodge Officers, 1955



S. CARL HECKBERT
1955

Grand Master..... M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert (24)
Deputy Grand Master..... R.W. Bro. Ross S. Shppard (11)

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

No. 1 R.W. Bro. W. L. McPhee (9)	No. 11 R.W. Bro. J. H. Buchan (84)
No. 2 R.W. Bro. E. J. Fooks (35)	No. 12 R.W. Bro. W. G. Lewis (126)
No. 3 R.W. Bro. A. J. G. Lauder (166)	No. 13 R.W. Bro. R. E. Newcom (108)
No. 4 R.W. Bro. Hugh McPhail (16)	No. 14 R.W. Bro. G. M. Hewson (93)
No. 5 R.W. Bro. A. F. Lisack (123)	No. 15 R.W. Bro. B. W. Holt (78)
No. 6 R.W. Bro. C. W. Johnson (22)	No. 16 R.W. Bro. W. A. MacCrimmon (93)
No. 7 R.W. Bro. W. G. Smith (31)	No. 17 R.W. Bro. C. S. Smallwood (144)
No. 8 R.W. Bro. E. C. Cassick (26)	No. 18 R.W. Bro. F. S. Bird (87)
No. 9 R.W. Bro. H. C. Allen (27)	No. 19 R.W. Bro. W. S. Kent (117)
No. 10 R.W. Bro. Chas. Sinclair (170)	Grand Master's Rep. N.W.T. R.W. Bro. C. E. Garnett (142)
Senior Grand Warden.....	R.W. Bro. S. G. Benson (86)
Junior Grand Warden.....	R.W. Bro. D. D. McQueen (74)
Grand Treasurer.....	R.W. Bro. L. J. Rosling (8)
Grand Secretary.....	R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers (51)
Grand Registrar.....	R.W. Bro. A. Black (14)
Grand Chaplain.....	R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon W. H. Morgan (165)
Grand Senior Deacon.....	V.W. Bro. G. S. Maxwell (24)
Grand Junior Deacon.....	V.W. Bro. R. H. Hume (37)
Grand Director of Ceremonies.....	V.W. Bro. W. J. Hamilton (124)
V.W. Grand Organist.....	Bro. P. J. Delicate (77)
Grand Pursuivant.....	V.W. Bro. W. A. Irving (83)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. K. W. McTavish (170)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. E. J. Holbrook (148)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. R. H. Eubank (21)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. C. A. Thorp (45)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. R. C. Niven (119)
Grand Steward.....	V.W. Bro. F. G. L. Mitchell (63)
Grand Tyler.....	V.W. Bro. F. I. Pearce (137)



O. W. KEALY
1906 *



H. G. TAYLOR
1907 *



G. H. HOGGINS
1908 *



J. T. MACDONALD
1909 *



J. I. DUNLOP
1910 *
Grand Secretary
1905 - 1907



THOS. McNABB
1911 *



R. PATTERSON
1912 *



S. I. BLAIR
1913 *



I. A. JACKSON
1914 *



S. Y. TAYLOR
1915 *

Grand Secretary
1917 - 1928



E. T. BISHOP
1916 *



W. M. CONNACHER
1917



H. DARLING
1918 *



W. J. BOTTERILL
1919



J. H. W. S. KEMMIS
1920 *

Grand Secretary
1928 - 1943



J. WATSON YOUNGE
1921



F. S. SELWOOD
1922 *



GEO. MURRAY
1923 *



H. P. REID
1924



N. E. CARRUTHERS
1925 *



T. F. ENGLISH
1926 *



G. E. CRUICKSHANK
1927



A. M. MITCHELL
1928



S. H. MIDDLETON
1929



S. M. SNEDDEN
1930 *



GEO. W. KERBY
1931 *



G. M. BLACKSTOCK
1932



J. MARTLAND
1933



V. A. BOWES
1934 *



M. M. DOWNEY
1935



V. H. MACAULAY
1936 *



C. C. HARTMAN
1937



A. WEST
1938 *



GEO. MOORE
1939 *
Grand Secretary
1943 - 1953



S. HARRIS
1940



GEO. F. ELLIS
1941



F. P. GALBRAITH
1942



R. J. BRADLEY
1943



WM. IRELAND
1944



G. H. CRANE-WILLIAMS
1945



A. G. R. BOND
1946 *



A. D. CUMMING
1947



W. A. HENRY
1948



R. B. MACDONALD
1949



LEROY W. BOND
1950



WALDO F. EMPEY
1951



HARRY E. HOWARD
1952



W. H. JACKSON
1953



PETER DAWSON
1954

A Brief History

of

The Grand Lodge of Alberta

PRIOR to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta on October 2th, 1905, the Lodges in the Northwest Territories were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. In the spring of 1905 Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31 (now No. 2) took the initiative towards the formation of the Grand Lodge of Alberta by requesting Bow River Lodge No. 28 (now No. 1, the oldest Lodge in Alberta, to call a Convention, which was held in Calgary on May 25th, 1905. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that a Grand Lodge should be formed in the Province of Alberta. As far as the records show there is only one delegate to this Convention who is living today V W Bro James Cook, then a P M of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31 and presently a member of Creston Lodge No. 54, G.R.B.C.

There were at that time seventeen Chartered Lodges and one under Dispensation within the boundaries of the proposed Province. Seventeen of these eighteen were represented by seventy-nine delegates. These eighteen Lodges are presently numbered as follows on the Grand Register of Alberta—

Bow River No. 28	now No. 1	Calgary
Medicine Hat No. 31	now No. 2	Medicine Hat
Alberta No. 37	now No. 3	Fort Macleod
North Star No. 41	now No. 4	Lethbridge
Cascade No. 42	now No. 5	Banff
Spruce No. 45	now No. 6	Pincher Creek
Edmonton No. 53	now No. 7	Edmonton
Innisfail No. 58	now No. 8	Innisfail
Perfection No. 60	now No. 9	Calgary
Eureka No. 65	now No. 10	Lacombe
Acacia No. 66	now No. 11	Edmonton
Red Deer No. 73	now No. 12	Red Deer
Victoria No. 76	now No. 13	Port Saskatchewan
Jasper No. 78	now No. 14	Edmonton
Wetaskiwin No. 83	now No. 15	Wetaskiwin
Mountain View No. 85	now No. 16	Olds
Nanton No. 97	now No. 17	Nanton
Britannia No. 96	now No. 18	Ponoka

Another Convention was held in Calgary on July 6th, 1905, at which only eight Lodges were represented; there not being a majority, the Convention was adjourned.

Alberta was proclaimed a Province on September 1st, 1905, from portions of the Districts of Athabasca, Saskatchewan, Assinibola and Alberta. It is bounded on the east by the Fourth Meridian, on the south by the 49th Parallel, on the west by the Rocky Mountains and on the north by the 60th Parallel, this being the Southern boundary of the Northwest Territories, which extend north of the Arctic ocean. The geographical centre of our Province, north and south, is near Meanook, some 80 miles north of Edmonton, where we are now in Session.

Although Bow River Lodge No. 28 (now No. 1) is the oldest Lodge, the first Lodge instituted in Alberta was Saskatchewan No. 17 in Edmonton. Its Dispensation was dated January 12th, 1882; its Charter, February 16th, 1883. The Officers named were: W.M., Philip Heimink; S.W., James Kernahan; J.W., Josiah Robert Burton. There were thirteen Charter members. This Lodge functioned until January 11th, 1888, when the Secretary, Bro. Francis D. Wilson, wrote the Grand Lodge of Manitoba advising that the officers and members had decided to return the Charter as they found it impossible to carry on. Red Deer Lodge No. 59 was Instituted June 15th, 1894, and Chartered June 14th, 1895, but its Charter lapsed June 1st, 1897. Thus our first and one other early Lodge had a very short existence.

When the Grand Lodge of Alberta was formed on October 12th, 1905, there were eighteen Lodges with a membership of 1,169. At December 31st, 1954, there were 159 Chartered Lodges with a membership of 17,334.

On August 12th, 1905, Rev. Canon George H. Hogbin, W.M. of Bow River Lodge No. 28, issued a Notice calling a Convention to be held in Calgary on Wednesday, October 12th, 1905, for the purpose of forming and establishing a Grand Lodge in the newly created Province of Alberta. Seventeen of the eighteen Lodges were represented by 43 members carrying a total of 79 votes. As far as is known there is only one of these Delegates alive today, R.W. Bro. Dr. C. E. Smythe, the first D.D.G.M. of Medicine Hat District. As the register of Master Masons attending is not available it cannot be checked. W. Bro. Hogbin presided at this Convention with W. Bro. Dr. George Macdonald as Secretary. M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was present. It was proposed by R.W. Bro. N. J. Lindsay, seconded by W. Bro. J. Hinchcliffe and carried unanimously that the Grand Lodge of Alberta be formed and Constituted. The full list of Officers elected and appointed is given at the front of this brochure.

It was decided to divide the Province into three Masonic Districts, Calgary, Medicine Hat and Edmonton. The first District Deputy Grand Masters were: R.W. Bro. J. T. Macdonald, Calgary; R.W. Bro. Dr. C. E. Smythe, Medicine Hat; R.W. Bro. A. R. Dickson, Wetaskiwin.

Following the election of officers, M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, assumed the Chair and declared the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. & A. M. to be in Ample Form and, assisted by M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite, proceeded to install and invest the officers. M.W. Bro. W. G. Scott and M.W. Bro. Dr. E. A. Braithwaite were elected Honorary Past Grand Masters of the new Grand Lodge.

The Seal adopted for the Grand Lodge of Alberta was the same as that of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, except that three Crowns were substituted for the Buffalo in the lower left hand corner.

Under the guidance and leadership of our fifty Grand Masters, the Grand Lodge of Alberta has progressed and grown. Each Grand Master has made his contribution to Grand Lodge and to Freemasonry as he thought best. Our Grand Lodge enjoys fraternal relations with all other Grand Lodges whose principles are in harmony with our own.

In 1905 the Grand Lodge of Alberta annexed that portion of the Northwest Territories lying to the west of the fourth meridian and east of the Yukon boundary. We now have a thriving Lodge, Yellowknife No. 162, in this territory.

During our existence there have been six Grand Secretaries, M.W. Brothers, J. J. Dunlop, Dr. George Macdonald, S. Y. Taylor, J. H. W. S. Kemmis and George Moore who all, unfortunately, have passed to that bourne from whence no traveller returns. Our present Grand Secretary is R.W. Bro. E. H. Rivers. Twenty-five of our Past Grand Masters have also passed to their reward.

It is a far cry from the days of Anthony Henday and Peter Pond. Anthony Henday was the first white man to come to Alberta and see the Rocky Mountains, in 1754, spending the winter of 1754/55 in an Indian camp a few miles west of the present town of Innisfail. Peter Pond cultivated the first land in 1778 on the banks of the Athabasca River, about 40 miles south of Lake Athabasca and 400 miles north of Edmonton. If these pioneers could only return and see our Province now! The population of Alberta when our Grand Lodge was formed was approximately 175,000; the estimated population at the present time is 1,096,000. As our Province has progressed, so has Freemasonry. Truly our forefathers builded better than they knew.

M.W. Bro. Sam Harris, P.G.M., Grand Historian.

